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search burden, such as the need to search multiple subclasses. Instead, the entire restriction relies upon the claimed lack of novelty or inventive step as asserted in the international search report. The Restriction Requirement lacks even the mere statement that there would be a burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims, much less the required serious burden. In other words, the restriction requirement fails to fulfill the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, or 37 C.F.R. § 803, and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner seriously reconsider the requirement for restriction, and withdraw the same so as to give an examination on the merits on all of the claims pending in this application. In any event, the claims should be rejoined upon allowance of the elected claims.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the requirement for restriction is improper because unity of invention is present, and the requirement should be withdrawn.

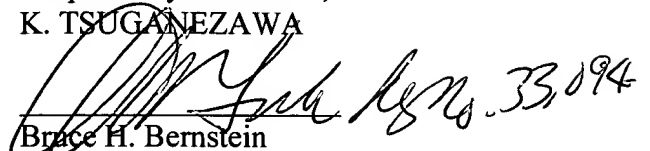
Withdrawal of the requirement for the restriction with examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration with early allowance of the application is most earnestly requested.

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